

Dear Howard,

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Before getting into today's work, which I plan to be divesting myself of myriads of copies of records I'd prepared for use in various cases, a further word relating to Jim in the event he discusses what I got at in the enclosed with you and a voice from the past, the latter first.

The Dr. Dolce not liked by the Warren Commission is alive, well, talking and telling truths in Palm Beach. A reporter has spoken to him and me several times and is to call me again this a.m. He has promised to send me a copy of his story and to make and keep and then send to Dave a full set of notes.

Dolce is the one the Commission unloaded after the first meeting on the wounds with the Aberdeen Proving Grounds experts included. According to the staff report, which I recall from the earliest part of Post Mortem, he provided disagreement not fully outlined. From what I now have second-hand it is clear that there are at least two areas. And by the way, his recollections are quite clear and as reported me accurate.

He said the single-bullet theory was impossible because of the condition of 399 and that Connally was hit twice, the wrist wound being from a different direction, most likely the knoll.

It turns out that he was - and remains - a consultant to Aberdeen, his expertise being ballistics wounds. He is a surgeon, not a vet. He was never shown the Olivier/Edman report before it was completed. He moved south, to the Palm Beach area, not long after the assassination because of his wife's health.

On the wrist wound, he said that the minimum velocity required was the top muzzle velocity of the Mannlicher. His belief is that it was caused by what he told the reporter is a high-velocity bullet.

I gave the reporter what is consistent with Dolce's opinions and the reporter, instead of seeing him again before noon today, had a long talk with him and called me again after I was in bed. Today I'm sending them copies of PM.

What this really means is that there was Commission knowledge of the most substantial doubt on scientific grounds of the preconception of the lone assassin in advance of the taking of most of the testimony.

This, of course, is not really knew. I exposed the existing medical testimony fairly thoroughly in WW and it is not what the Commission said.

The level here is that of the Army and its experts.

The number of agencies and people who knew better or had reason not to credit the official story grows and has become surprisingly large.

At a time I've forgotten Fonzi looked him up for the committee. I believe he placed the time at approximately that of the deMohrenschildt suicide. Fonzi was quite excited and said the committee would be in touch with Dolce again.

It wasn't.

Because Dolce still goes to Aberdeen with some regularity I think I'll try to arrange to see him if he'll stop off in Washington. Maybe I can tape an interview and perhaps use part of it in a remand on 226.

I'll keep you posted on this one.